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SUBJECT: MOOSE/JAY MEETING JANUARY 3

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE ASKED BRITISH AMBASSADOR JAY
TO DROP BY DEPARTMENT JANUARY 3 FOR DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICAN MATTERS.

2. MOOSE EXPRESSED OUR CONTINUING WISH TO SEE VISIBLE
ACTIVITY IN ANGLO-AMERICAN SETTLEMENT EFFORT AS BEST
MANNER TO COUNTERACT AFRICAN SUSPICION THAT WE ARE
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QUIETLY SUPPORTING INTERNAL SETTLEMENT TALKS. MOOSE
NOTED THAT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY FCO OF CARVER'S TRIP
TO MAPUTO ON JANUARY 3 WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCELLENT OCCASION
FOR RINGING REAFFIRMATION OF BRITISH COMMITMENT TO UK-US
PLAN. JAY COUNTERED THAT HE AND OTHER BRITISH SPOKESMEN
HAVE REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED BRITISH FIDELITY TO PLAN. HE
AGREED HOWEVER THAT CARVER'S ARRIVAL IN MAPUTO MAY

PROVIDE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR VISIBLE STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES.

3. MOOSE NOTED OUR CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF PUBLICITY FOR DR. OWEN'S INVITATION TO NKOMO AND MUGABE. BRITISH EMBOFF SQUIRE, WHO ACCOMPANIED JAY, SAID THAT MANSFIELD HAD MET WITH NKOMO SAME MORNING IN LONDON. NKOMO WAS NONCOMMITAL ABOUT ACCEPTING INVITATION AND AGAIN REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE NO PUBLICITY GIVEN TO INVITATION UNTIL HE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO CONFER WITH MUGABE.

4. MOOSE AND JAY AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HARM FOR OUR AMBASSADORS IN THE FRONT LINE CAPITALS AND NIGERIA TO MENTION IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE FACT THAT THE INVITATION HAD BEEN ISSUED AND TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT RESPONDS AFFIRMATIVELY. JAY SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH FCO ABOUT INFORMING NETO OF INVITATION THROUGH ITALIAN EMBASSY IN LUANDA.

5. JAY AND MOOSE AGREED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO KEEP BOTH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE INVOLVED IN OUR SETTLEMENT EFFORT. THE BRITISH UNDERTOOK TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN PRETORIA HAS PASSED TO MUZOREWA THE SAME MESSAGE WHICH CHARGE SUMMERHAYES GAVE TO SITHOLE WHEN THE LATTER VISITED HIM ON DECEMBER 31. AT THE SAME CONFIDENTIAL

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TIME MOOSE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT BEING DRAWN INTO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT THROUGH THE BACK DOOR BY TOO CLOSE IDENTIFICATION WITH SITHOLE. IN THIS REGARD HE QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICERS FACILITATING GABELLAH'S ARRIVAL AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT.

6. IN RELATION TO NAMIBIA MOOSE FLOATED WITH JAY THE IDEA OF FIVE POWER TALKS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO THE OUTSET OF THE PROXIMITY NEGOTIATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE FIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL SHOULD ATTEND. HE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR THE MEETING. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF SUCH TALKS WOULD BE TO COORDINATE FIVE POWER POSITION. TALKS SHOULD IN NO WAY BE INTERPRETED AS LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN THE CURRENT NEGOTIATING TEAM. MOOSE EXPLAINED THAT WE WOULD WAIT UNTIL WE HAD HEARD FROM THE BRITISH BEFORE MAKING THIS SUGGESTION TO THE OTHER THREE. CHRISTOPHER

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